



Funding Opportunity:

Funding Opportunity: Advancing Behavioral Health

Access to quality, affordable and convenient behavioral health care was one of the most prominent themes heard throughout the state on the [#HealthiestCO Statewide Listening Tour](#). In addition, we heard about the lack of behavioral health providers across the state; high rates of suicide; high rates of opioid and heroin use and overdose; toxic stress resulting from poverty; and adverse childhood experiences. We also learned about a number of assets in communities across Colorado which include many innovative and promising practices that are working to address these needs.

In response, we are opening up a one-time, responsive funding opportunity that is designed to meet the pressing needs of today and inform our new [Behavioral Health focus area](#) going forward.

Grant Deadline: Not accepting applications. This work is in progress.

Criteria

One-time funding to support organizations that aim to improve Colorado's behavioral health – inclusive of both mental health and substance use – and outcomes through programs or projects that include:

- Creative, innovative and/or culturally responsive ways of increasing awareness about behavioral health, building communities of support and promoting life and wellness skills
- Promising practices for behavioral health outreach, education and training for behavioral health and non-behavioral health providers (e.g. librarians, teachers, etc.)
- New organizational practices, processes or procedures to improve collaboration, cultural responsiveness, recovery, efficiencies or revenue streams within behavioral health
- Programs that expand culturally responsive, behavioral health access to Colorado's immigrant and refugee communities

In addition to reducing behavioral health inequities and serving Colorado's most vulnerable urban, rural and/or frontier communities, organizations will need to demonstrate how they will address one or more of the following:

- Improving access to behavioral health services
- Enhancing culturally responsive services
- Increasing behavioral health awareness and competency within communities
- Improving cost effectiveness of behavioral health services
- Reducing fragmentation of care

Funding will be competitive and grant applications will receive higher preference by demonstrating:

- Community successes and collaborations with potential to be strengthened
- Community need for identified programs or projects
- Community leadership and engagement in both development and implementation of a community program or project

The Foundation will fund programs or projects with grant terms up to two years.

We often partner with third-party evaluators, contractors and other organizations over the course of our work with applicants and grantees. Your application and its attachments may be shared with these individuals or entities during the review process and grant cycle. All third-party organizations partnering with the Foundation have signed a confidentiality agreement and will not use or share the information for purposes outside of the scope of work specific to the grant application or grant award. If you have any concerns or would like additional information, please email grants@coloradohealth.org or call our senior director of Grantmaking Operations at 303-953-3600.

Resources

- [#HealthiestCO Statewide Listening Tour Final Report](#)
- [May is Mental Health Month](#)

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